

Chichester, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Merrimack
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Merrimack Valley
Central NH Regional
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

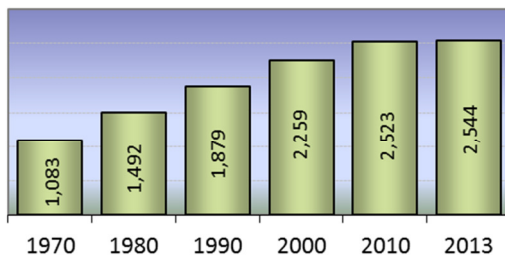
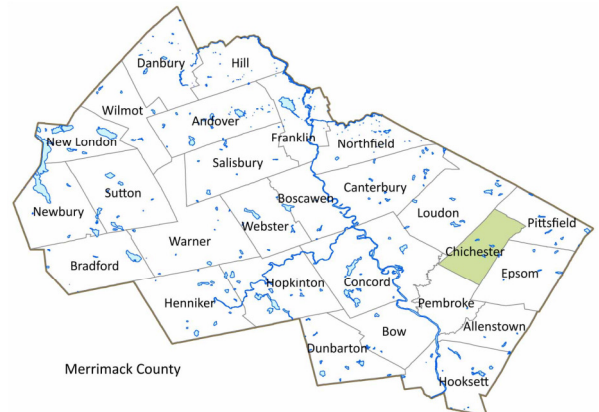
District 2
District 4
District 17
Merrimack County District 20

Incorporated: 1727

Origin: Chichester is one of seven towns granted in 1727 when New Hampshire was still a part of Massachusetts. As were several other towns, it was named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Chichester, and England's Secretary of State (1724-1754). Holles was in charge of colonial policy, and was very involved in relations between the American Colonies and England. The charter for Chichester was a pattern for other town charters, requiring the planting and cultivation of land, and building dwelling houses, roads, a schoolhouse, and a church, all within three to five years.

Villages and Place Names: Horse Corner, Kelleys Corner, North Chichester

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 491 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Chichester totaled 1,723 over 53 years, from 821 in 1960 to 2,544 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 26 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2013 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,544 residents, which ranked 118th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 120.1 persons per square mile of land area. Chichester contains 21.2 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$2,350,214	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$5,750,341	
Zoning Ordinance		1962/14	
Master Plan		2004	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Cemetery; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	Chichester Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Concord Hospital, Concord	10 miles	237	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Concord Electric		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	Private		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS Telecom		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.32	
2013 Equalization Ratio		97.1	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.52	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		15.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,024	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		889	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		110	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		25	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	2,544	146,807
2010	2,523	146,445
2000	2,259	136,716
1990	1,879	120,618
1980	1,492	98,302
1970	1,083	80,925
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,393	Female 1,151
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		112
Age 5 to 19		425
Age 20 to 34		357
Age 35 to 54		861
Age 55 to 64		488
Age 65 and over		301
Median Age		43.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		92.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher		32.2%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$33,314
Median family income		\$87,690
Median household income		\$75,000
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$48,472
Female		\$53,083
Individuals below the poverty level		5.4%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	1,438	1,502
Employed	1,399	1,436
Unemployed	39	66
Unemployment rate	2.7%	4.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	54	78
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 552	\$ 623
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	855	446
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 713	\$ 721
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	908	524
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 704	\$ 706
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	83	81
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 516	\$ 709
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	991	605
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 688	\$ 707

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Chichester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke				District: SAU 53
Career Technology Center(s):	Concord Regional Technology Center				Region: 11
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-8				
Total Enrollment	244				

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **64**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Retail furniture store	12	1985
Domenic's	Restaurant	8	2004
Hess Station	Convenience store, gas	6	1988
Chuckster's	Mini golf		2007
Tractor Supply Co	Retail farm supplies		2010

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	4, 202
	State Routes	9, 28, 107
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-393, Exit 3; I-93, Exit 15	
Distance	4 miles; 8 miles	

Railroad	No
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	26 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	4	

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	26 miles
Portland, Maine	89 miles
Boston, Mass.	76 miles
New York City, NY	281 miles
Montreal, Quebec	256 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	1.9%
Worked at home	12.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	19.7
Commuting to another NH community	70.0
Commuting out-of-state	10.3

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**Other: **Chuckster's**